

Special Meeting of the Pawtucket School Committee

Thursday, October 27, 2011

6:00 PM 2nd Floor Conference Room

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286 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860

I Meeting will come to order

The Chairman called the special meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

a. Roll call

Mr. Araujo-here; Mr. Coughlin-here; Mr. Noonan-here; Ms. Nordquist-here; Mr. Tenreiro-here; Mr. Spooner-here

Also in attendance were Mrs. Deborah Cylke, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Kimberly Mercer, Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum Instruction and Assessment; Mr. Thomas Conlon, Business Administrator; Ms. Margaret Baker, Assistant Business Administrator and Mr. Stephen M. Robinson, Legal Counsel.

Ms. Bonollo arrived at 6:01 PM.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Chairperson.

Ms. Nordquist requested to move agenda item VI. New Business-Action Items a. Appointments and b. Award of MGT contract for Educational Specifications before executive session. There were no objections.

VI New Business – Action Items

a. Appointments

Mrs. Cylke: It is my understanding that the School Performance Office is someone that is new to the district and that the Committee in

the past would like the opportunity to interact and ask questions in executive session so I am hesitant to make that recommendation if that is the protocol that is to be followed.

Ms. Nordquist: Based on the information you have provided I have no problem moving forward with this appointment. I would just like to meet with her in executive session.

Mr. Spooner: Does anyone here have any objections?

Mr. Spooner: The floor is yours, Mrs. Cylke.

I am recommending this evening for your approval the following teachers:

Celestino Simao, Social Studies Teacher, Alternative Learning Program, One Year Appointment, Step One, IDEA

Stacey Calderone, Grade One, Elizabeth Baldwin School, One Year Appointment, Step 2

Lindsey Reilly, Literacy Coordinator-District Wide, One Year Appointment, Salary:

Title II to Title I, Contractual

I would also like to recommend that the Committee approve the following Administrative appointments:

Edna Coia, Francis Varieur Elementary School Principal, Remainder of this school year only, Salary: Contractual

Patty DiCenso, Secondary School Performance Officer, Salary: Contractual

Kim McCaughey, Elizabeth Baldwin School, Administrative Facilitator for School Improvement, One Year Appointment, Salary: Contractual

Ms. Nordquist moved to approve all appointments (certified and

administrative) as recommended by the Superintendent, Mrs. Cylke. Mr. Tenreiro seconded.

Roll call

Mr. Araujo-yes; Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Coughlin-yes; Mr. Noonan-yes; Ms. Nordquist-yes; Mr. Tenreiro-yes; Mr. Spooner-yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Cylke: When we opened the Varieur Principalship we opened with the normal process of a committee consisting of Principals, teachers, parents and central administration interviewed the candidates and I remembered when we interviewed and we were looking for A, B and C players and I was looking for A players. The committee didn't feel we had the right person for the principalship at Varieur. At that point I had a meeting with Edna who had not applied for the job and was very happy to be at Baldwin and working with Ms. DiOrio and Mr. Gilmore. She understands our curriculum and policies and procedures and when I asked her if she would consider finishing out the remainder of the school year only, she said she would be honored. She has met the staff and I think they are all comfortable over there. When we get to the end of the year that job will be re-opened and we will follow the appropriate process.

So with Edna leaving Baldwin so we start the domino effect. I want to thank Deputy Superintendent Mercer for this and she had a very good idea and that was to put our literacy coordinator, Kim McCaughey who is obviously very familiar with the elementary curriculum and has the appropriate credentials for a remainder of the year only status. So her literacy position opens and we happen to have an

excellent literacy coach, Linsley Reilly who is highly regarded by teachers and administrators. She is very energetic, very dynamic; I wish you could meet her tonight. All of these people understand that this is for the remainder of the year only. Their positions they're leaving are preserved for them. But they would also have the opportunity at the end of the year to apply for any position that is open.

Ms. Nordquist: I think you made a great choice.

b. Award of MGT contract for Educational Specifications

Mrs. Cylke: I am recommending this evening that you hire MGT to do the educational specifications of our facilities project. As I mentioned at our last committee meeting, our necessity of construction project has three stages. We're done with Stage I which was that facilities assessment which was what MGT had presented to you where they gave an evaluation of each school site and this building on educational suitable and technology to exterior of site and the actual building itself.

The next step and critical step is for the Pawtucket School Department to produce educational specifications. These are what an architect needs in order to begin to draw renovations. To accelerate the process we borrowed the elementary, middle and high school specifications from the Providence School Department. The designs are appropriate for 21st century learning environment. We're going to take those specifications and MGT is going to have their focus group here in Pawtucket with all different employee groups to get input. In addition to meeting with staff members they'll be meeting with groups

of senior citizens who use our buildings, recreational groups-whether its youth league or adult league. What we're asking everyone to do is if you had a magic wand what would you be asking this facility to look like.

Once we have those specifications and we hope to have them by January. Then we have something to give the architects to begin to redesign and renovate and plan for each and every one of our facilities. Keep in mind that ride has a moratorium on new buildings and renovations and Joe DaSilva doesn't expect that to last for long. We absolutely want that to be ready when that moratorium is lifted and keep in mind that 75% is reimbursement.

The big project down the road is when we have plans to show the public and we have a price tag and getting a bond passed. Ideally there should be everything in it for everyone in the City of Pawtucket.

For those reasons in the staff report we are recommending MGT and we met with Mr. Clemente with the City and he reviewed the contract and has responded in writing that we can simply extend their work.

Ms. Nordquist moved to approve the award of contract to MGT of America, Inc. for \$39,938.00. Mr. Araujo seconded.

Mr. Tenreiro: Is there any requirement or amount that requires us to go out for an RFP or does it make sense to stay with this company?

Mr. Conlon: No. That's why we met with David Clemente.

Mrs. Cylke: It was approved by the Purchasing Board.

Roll call

Mr. Araujo-yes; Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Coughlin-yes; Mr. Noonan-yes;

Ms. Nordquist-yes; Mr. Tenreiro-yes; Mr. Spooner-yes

Motion carried unanimously.

V Public Participation

None

II Executive Session

The Chairman commented that the Committee will possibly recess to executive session in accordance with provisions under Title 42, Chapter 46, Subsection 5(a) (1) job performance, character, or physical/mental health (2) legal advice and litigation /collective bargaining of the General Laws of the State of R. I. for the purpose of discussing and /or acting upon: contract approvals for school performance officers; update on non certified negotiations and to seal executive session minutes.

Ms. Nordquist moved to recess to executive session. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Roll call

Mr. Araujo-yes; Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Coughlin-yes; Mr. Noonan-yes; Ms. Nordquist-yes; Mr. Tenreiro-yes; Mr. Spooner-yes

Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee recessed to executive session from 6:16 PM to 7:08 PM.

III Reconvene to open session

The Chairman reconvened the open session at 7:12 PM.

a. Roll call

Mr. Araujo-here; Ms. Bonollo-here; Mr. Coughlin-here; Mr. Noonan-here; Ms. Nordquist-left at 7:10 PM; Mr. Tenreiro-here; Mr. Spooner-here

IV Call out vote(s) of executive session of 10/27/11, if applicable

The Chairman asked the Clerk if there were any votes to report out of executive session.

The Clerk reported that the Committee unanimously voted to approve the School Performance Officers' contracts, seal the executive session minutes and adjourn the executive session.

VII Adjournment

Mr. Coughlin moved to adjourn. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Voice vote carried all in favor.

The Chairman adjourned the special meeting of October 27, 2011 of the Pawtucket School Committee at 7:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk

APPROVED November 15, 2011